Licensing Information
Page 7, License Fees - Fish Washington License - $69.55 $60.50

Freshwater Rules

Page 14, STURGEON –
After an annual limit has been retained, catch-and-release fishing is allowed only in waters of the Columbia River forming the Oregon/Washington boundary in waters open to catch-and-release fishing. Only one single-point barbless hook and bait is allowed when fishing for sturgeon. In the field, eggs must be retained with intact carcass of fish from which they came. Night closure in effect for all sturgeon (except Chehalis River). Any sturgeon not to be retained must be released immediately. Oversized Sturgeon larger than 55” fork length cannot be removed totally or in part from the water.

Page 15, WHITE STURGEON - Possession limit: is 2 daily limits in a fresh, frozen, or processed form.

Page 15, LARGEMOUTH BASS – In lakes, ponds, and reservoirs: No min. size. Only largemouth bass less than 12” may be retained, except 1 over 17” may be retained. Daily limit 5. No size restriction/daily limit in rivers, streams, and beaver ponds waters of the Columbia River downstream of Chief Joseph Dam including all tributaries and their tributaries.

Page 15, SMALLMOUTH BASS – In lakes, ponds, and reservoirs: No min. size. Only 1 smallmouth bass over 14” may be retained. Daily limit 10. No size restriction/daily limit in rivers, streams, and beaver ponds waters of the Columbia River downstream of Chief Joseph Dam including all tributaries and their tributaries.

Page 15, WALLEYE – In lakes, ponds, and reservoirs: Min. size 12”. Daily limit 8. Only 1 over 22” may be retained. May be caught, retained and released alive from a livewell until daily limit is in possession. No min. size/daily limit in rivers, streams, and beaver ponds waters of the Columbia River downstream of Chief Joseph Dam including all tributaries and their tributaries.

Page 15, CHANNEL CATFISH – In lakes, ponds, and reservoirs: No min. size. Daily limit 5. No min. size/daily limit in rivers, streams, and beaver ponds waters of the Columbia River downstream of Chief Joseph Dam including all tributaries and their tributaries.

Page 15, KOKANEE – No min. size. Daily limit 10. When fishing with bait, all kokanee that are lawful to possess and are equal to or greater than the minimum size are counted as part of the daily limit whether kept or released.

Page 20, Chehalis River – In waters of the Chehalis River from mouth upstream to the high bridge on Weyerhaeuser 1000 line - STURGEON Sat. before Memorial Day-Apr. 15 Catch-and-release. Fishing for sturgeon allowed 24hrs/day Night closure. All species selective gear rules. TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-Apr. 15: Statewide min. size/daily limit, except cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout. OTHER GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-Apr. 15: Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 24, Green (Duwamish) River - from 150’ upstream of the Palmer Ponds outlet rack to the Tacoma Municipal Watershed Boundary Marker (1.3 miles downstream of Tacoma Headworks Dam) water pipeline walk bridge (½ mile downstream of Tacoma Headworks Dam) - ALL SPECIES Selective gear rules. TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-Dec. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit, except cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout: min. size 14”. OTHER GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-Dec. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Nov. 1-Dec. 31 Min. size 12”. Daily limit 6. Up to 3 may be a combination of adult coho and adult chum. Release Chinook.


Page 27, Minter Creek – from mouth to boundary markers (approx. 50’ downstream of the hatchery rack) - ALL SPECIES Night closure. Anti-snagging rule. SALMON Sept. 16-Dec. 15 Min. size 12”. Daily limit 6. Up to 4 adults may be retained of which up to 2 may be coho. Release wild coho.


Pages 47-56, Columbia River - in waters of the Columbia River downstream of the Old Hanford townsite wooden powerline towers with a designated ALL SPECIES Night closure (salmon and steelhead only), the rules for these waters should have been listed as: ALL SPECIES Night closure (salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon only). Night closures are in effect for sturgeon as a statewide freshwater rule.

from the Dalles Dam to the west end of the grain silo at Rufus, Oregon 2.4 miles downstream of John Day Dam – STURGEON May. 1-Dec. 31 Catch-and-release. May. 1-July 31 Jan. 1 opens to retention and closes when the winter quota is met. Min. size 38” fork length. Max. size 54” fork length. Daily limit 1. Catch-and-release allowed when closed to retention.


from a line from the west end of the grain silo at Rufus, Oregon 2.4 miles downstream of John Day Dam to markers approx. 3,000’ downstream of John Day Dam – STURGEON May 1-July Aug. 31 Closed. Jan. 1 opens to retention and closes when annual quotas are met (refer to the WDFW website wdfw.wa.gov). Min. size 43” fork length. Max. size 54” fork length. Daily limit 1. Catch-and-release allowed when closed to retention.

from John Day Dam to the I-82/Hwy. 395 Bridge – STURGEON Year-round Jan. 1 opens to retention and closes when annual quotas are met (refer to the WDFW website wdfw.wa.gov). Min. size 43” fork length. Max. size 54” fork length. Daily limit 1.


from the I-82/Hwy. 395 Bridge to the tower Island power lines – STURGEON Year-round Jan. 1-Apr. 30 Jan. 1 opens to retention and closes when the winter quota is met. Min. size 38” fork length. Max. size 54” fork length. Daily limit 1. Catch-and-release allowed when closed to retention.

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Page 57, Colville River – from the mouth to bridge at the town of Valley (including Meyers Falls Reservoir) – GAME FISH Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. 

Page 72, Snake River - from the Burbank to Pasco railroad bridge at Snake River Mile 1.25 to the downstream end of Goose Island STURGEON Feb. 1-July 31 Min. size 43". Max. size 64". Daily limit 1. Min. and max sizes measured by fork length. Aug. 1-Jan. 31 Year-round Catch-and-release. 


Pages 73-74, Tieton River, North Fork – from mouth to USFS Rd. 740 Bridge - ALL SPECIES Selective gear rules. ALL GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-Aug. 15: Statewide min. size/daily limit. Clear Lake spillway – ALL SPECIES - CLOSED WATERS. 

from USFS RD. 740 to Clear Lake Dam - ALL SPECIES - CLOSED WATERS. 


from the US Bureau of Reclamation restricted areas signs at Roza Dam upstream to the boat launch ramp on the Roza access area (approx. 1.3 river miles) – TROUT Year-round: Catch-and-release. Selective gear rules. WHITEFISH Dec. 1-Last Day of Feb.: Statewide min. size/daily limit. Open for whitefish only. Other game fish rules. 

from the boat launch ramp on the Roz Access Area to 400' below Easton Dam; including the portion of Wilson Creek from the mouth upstream of the BNSF Railroad Bridge – ALL SPECIES Internal combustion motors prohibited. TROUT Year-round: Catch-and-release. Selective gear rules. WHITEFISH Dec. 1-Last Day of Feb.: Statewide min. size/daily limit. Open for whitefish only. Whitefish gear rules. OTHER GAME FISH Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules. 

Pages 79-94 As a result of legislation passed by the 2019 Washington State Legislature corresponding rules were approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission in December of 2019. The 77 lakes listed below will adopt these new rules regarding bass, channel catfish, and walleye, effective February 17, 2020. These rules are: 

LARGEMOUTH BASS: No min. size. Only largemouth bass less than 12" may be retained, except 1 over 17" may be retained. Daily limit 8. 

SMALLMOUTH BASS: No min. size. Only 1 smallmouth bass over 14" may be retained. Daily limit 15. 

CHANNEL CATFISH: No min. size. Daily limit 10. 

WALLEYE: No min. size. Daily limit 16. Only 1 over 22" may be retained. 

These rules apply to the following lakes (the seasons and rules for other species listed in the 2019/2020 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet remain unchanged): 

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Page 79, Black Lake – TROUT Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. except cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout: min. size 14". 

CRAPPIE Year-round: Min. size 9". Daily limit 10. OTHER GAME FISH Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. 

Page 84, Swift Reservoir – from markers approx. 3/8 mile below Eagle Cliff Bridge to bridge; ALL SPECIES – Selective gear rules, except barbed hooks are allowed.


Little Dalles power line crossing upstream 1.7 miles to marked rock point – ALL SPECIES Mar. 1-Fri. before Memorial Day: CLOSED WATERS. KOKANEE Sat. before Memorial Day-Last Day of Feb.: No min. size. Daily limit 6. No more than 2 with intact adipose fins may be retained. TROUT Year-round: Min. size 18”. Daily limit 2. WALLEYE Year-round: Daily limit 16. No size restriction. OTHER GAME FISH Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Year-round: No min. size. Salmon count toward trout daily limit. Landlocked salmon rules. STURGEON Year-round: Closed.

From most upstream point of Steamboat Rock to U.S./Canadian Border – KOKANEE Year-round: No min. size. Daily limit 6. No more than 2 with intact adipose fins may be retained. TROUT Year-round: Min. size 18”. Daily limit 2. WALLEYE Year-round: Daily limit 16. No size restriction. OTHER GAME FISH Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Year-round: No min. size. Salmon count toward trout daily limit. Landlocked salmon rules. STURGEON Year-round: Closed.

Page 93 Rufus Woods – from Chief Joseph Dam upstream to State Route 155 Bridge – ALL SPECIES: Douglas County shore (State license) on the water (either State or Tribal license accepted) Reservation (Tribal permit required or either license accepted at a signed “Designated Fishing Areas” (DFA) located and marked as such on the Colville Reservation shoreline). TROUT Year-round: No min. size. Daily limit 2. OTHER GAME FISH Year-round. Statewide min. size/daily limit. STURGEON Year-round: Closed.

Marine Area Rules
Page 101, Marine Area 2-2 (west of Buoy 13 line) SALMON – Open through Aug. 11, 2019: Open concurrent with the ocean (Area2) for salmon. Area 2 rules apply.


Page 104, Marine Area 4 Kydaka Point Closure – July 1-Sept. 30: waters south of a line from Kydaka Point westerly approximately 4 miles to Shipwreck Point CLOSED to fishing for salmon. Please note: the Kydaka Point Closure listed for Marine Area 5 (page 106) is correct.


Page 121, Marine Area 12 SALMON North of Ayock Point – No min. size. Daily limit 4. Release Chinook and chum. Aug. 1-Aug. 15: Only hooks measuring ½” or less from point to shank may be used.